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SUBJECT: MALACCA STRAITS SEPARATION SCHEME TALKS

REF: A. JAKARTA 3314, B. JAKARTA 2966

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY LOS OFFICER
MARCH 20, GOM OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN LOS MATTERS
ECHOED COMMENT BY SINGAPORE DCM (PARA 2 REF A)
THAT BOTH MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE WERE INCLINED
AT RECENT QUADRILATERAL TALKS TO BE SYMPATHETIC
TO JAPANESE REQUEST FOR FIVE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD
BEFORE UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE (UKC) PROVISIONS OF
MALACCA STRAITS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME ARE
ENFORCED, BUT THAT INDONESIANS HAD ADOPTED A
TOUGHER STANCE. THIS OFFICIAL SAID THAT IT
IS "CUSTOMARY PRACTICE" TO ALLOW TRANSITION
PERIODS BEFORE NEW LAWS OR REGULATIONS ARE
ENFORCED AND ALTHOUGH A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD MIGHT
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BE "TOO ARBITRARY"--IMPLYING THE GOM DOES NOT
WANT TO BE BOUND IN WRITING TO A FIVE-YEAR
TRANSITION PERIOD--THE GOM WOULD HAVE NO REAL
TROUBLE ACCOMMODATING THE JAPANESE ON A
GRACE PERIOD OF ROUGHLY THAT DURATION.

2. THE SAME OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT THE NECES-

SITY OF THE THREE MALACCA STRAITS STATES TO
ADHERE TO CONSENSUS PROCEDURES ON SUCH MATTERS
LED TO A "LOWEST COMMON DENOMIATOR" COMPROMISE
ON THE ISSUE WHEREBY THE THREE STATES' POSTION
AT THE TALKS WAS CLOSER TO THE INDONESIAN
POSITION THAN WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN THE
CASE. HE SURMISED THAT THE INDONESIAN POSTURE
ON THIS RELATED MORE TO OVERALL BILATERAL
RELATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND JAPAN RATHER
THAN TO INDONESIAN CONCERNS OVER MALACCA
STRAITS MARITIME SAFETY MATTERS PER SE, IMPLY-
ING THAT THIS MAY BE A BARGAINING CHIP IN
OTHER, UNIDENTIFIED, ISSUES OR NEGOTIATIONS.
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